

REMARKS

I. Office Action Summary

In the Office Action dated February 3, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 27-45 for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 23 of U.S. 6,141,356.

II. Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of claims 27-45 based on claims 1 and 23 of U.S. 6,141,356, Applicant encloses a terminal disclaimer to expedite issuance of a Notice of Allowance for this case. Consideration and entry of this terminal disclaimer is respectfully requested,

III. Review of Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statement

As discussed with the Examiner, a supplemental IDS was submitted on July 27, 2001 citing references B1-B70. A signed copy of the PTO Form 1449 was not received by the Applicant with the first Office Action. Consideration and acknowledgement of these references is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner requires additional copies of the cited references, the undersigned can obtain and submit copies.

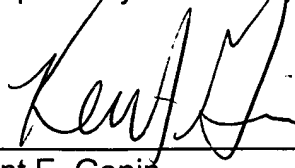
IV. Conclusion

In view of the enclosed terminal disclaimer, Applicant submits that claims 27-45 are in condition for allowance.

If any questions arise or issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite disposition of this case.

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